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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: MARINE WORKING GROUP,
PANEL 2, ICE TRANSITING 05.0502

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1. SCICOUNS FEBRUARY 17 DISCUSSED WITH ISHCHENKO AND METALNIKOV, SCST, U.S. RESPONSE TO ICE TRANSITING DELEGATION PROPOSAL PER REFTEL. SCICOUNS UNDERLINED THAT IN ABSENCE OF VISIT TO SOVIET NUCLEAR ICEBREAKERS A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL DISCUSSION OF THE NANSEN PROJECT TOOK ON EVEN GREATER SIGNIFICANCE, AND THAT WORDING OF ISHCHENKO'S FEBRUARY 8 TELEX WAS NOT ENCOURAGING ON THAT SCORE. SCICOUNS ALSO NOTED THAT WE HAD GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE NANSEN PROJECT WAS OF HIGH INTEREST TO SOVIET RESEARCHERS (SEE MOSCOW 99). METALNIKOV RESPONDED BY RECALLING ALEKSENKO'S STATEMENT TO SCICOUNS THAT SOVIETS "WOULD LISTEN" AND THEN WENT ON TO LONG EXPLANATION OF "COMMERCIAL" SENSITIVITY OF ARCTIC SEA ROUTE TO SOVIETS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT WHEN HE WAS INVOLVED IN SOVIET GULF STREAM OCEANOGRAPHIC STUDY IN LATE 1950'S, SOVIET VESSEL WAS UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE BY U.S. NAVY.

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2. ISHCHENKO COMMENTED THAT IF U.S. DELEGATION COULD NOT COME IN MARCH, VISIT WOULD NECESSARILY BE POSTPONED UNTIL LATE THIS YEAR WHEN ICE CONDITIONS AGAIN PREVAIL. THIS LED TO DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BE REPORTED SEPTTEL.

3. COMMENT: IT IS APPARENT THAT SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN NANSEN

DRIFT PROJECT SUBJECT OF INTENSE DISCUSSION HERE WITH SOVIET
RESEARCHERS FOR IT AND MILITARY PRESUMABLY RAISING OBJECTIONS.
FOR THE MOMENT IT SEEMS THE BEST THE SOVIETS CAN DO IN THIS SITUATION
IS JUST LISTEN TO THE U.S. PROPOSALS. END COMMENT.
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